

# We are Secular !

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“In France, we are secular...”

This was how the 4<sup>e</sup> International students began their presentation to the 5<sup>e</sup> Internationals. As part of the “Semaine de la Laïcité”, the 4<sup>e</sup> had studied the Charter that guides all French public schools, “La Charte de la Laïcité” and reflected on the different points. In small groups, they decided to write eight original scenes to explain the concepts they read about.

“We say no to sexism” : Rowena, Laura-May, Kenza, Logan and Mateo reflect on why it seems to be ok for girls to play some sports, whilst boys play others. It begins when Laura-May wants to join the rugby team...

“We say no to racism” : Dylan, Mathias L and Louis think about how it can be hurtful to mock someone about their appearance.

Mathias : Do you even know what racism is ?

Dylan : (laughs, then hesitates) Ah no, not really...

“We say no to discrimination” : Samuel P, Illan, Mathis and Logan realize that it’s not because someone has a speech impediment that he can’t be a good chess player...

“We say yes to dialogue” : Sterenn, Amélie and Thalia understand that sometimes we can insult someone’s beliefs without meaning to...

“We say yes to differences” : Angèle, Lucie and Emilie think about how it’s not because someone is born in a different country that they don’t have the same rights as any other student in school...

“We say yes to acceptance” : Alex, Antoine and Mateo understand there’s a difference between private beliefs and public beliefs, especially during Science classes...

“We say yes to equality” : Anna has to learn that Bettina can play on the Mignet rugby team too, right along with Mathias M, Logan, Samuel, Dylan, Mateo, Mathis, Mathias L...

As Thomas, Nadia, Danaë, Andreas and Samuel M summed up :

“Everyone has a right to their own beliefs. And here, in public schools, we believe in respect. We believe we can all live together in harmony...”

After all, this is 2015 !”